

**John Blair to George Washington, March 10, 1758,
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FROM THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT BLAIR.

WMS. BURG March 10th. 1758

SIR

The Bearer James Holloway is a Soldier in your Regiment sent from York County & under capt. Lewis at Patterson's Fort, but being very infirm got a Furlow from his Captain for 3 Months, wch. was continued by the Governor for 2 more. I thought of discharging him, but waited in hopes of seeing you to do it. He says he has received but 2 months pay, if so there is 6. mos. pay due to him & better. He now applies for a discharge for his brother John & himself, on consideration of his having enlisted two men before Mr. Smith a justice of York which he will shew you and of his delivering them to you at his own Expence, which I think may be accepted, as their Ancient Father wants John's assistance & James can be of no use to you. But as he could not travel with them with out money & he had been at abt. 403. Expence upon them, I have furnished him with £5. from the Treasury, wch. you will deduct from their wages; unless you think any part of it due to him for enlisting one in his room who I am persuaded you would have discharged as useless. One of them John Carter says he has 10. Guineas due to him from Captn. Whelden of a ship at Holts, Wch. as he is enter'd into his Majesty's service he hopes the Captain will be obliged to pay him; if you can be of any service to him in it, it will be kind, & help to equip him with Linnen &ca By him I send you Letter of the 8. Inst. but shall write again on the subject lest that should miscarry I give him too a Letter for one George Speake an Ensign

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in your Regiment that came to me t'other day by an Express from Lord Loudoun—I heartily wish you health & am Sir

Your most obedt. hble. Servt. JOHN BLAIR, P. ¹

James tells me he knows of 5 Deserters in Northumberland wch. with Assistance he could take up. & believes he could enlist some more men if he had direction for it.

¹ President of the Council, now acting as Governor.